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Mr. Zakaria Kazito discussing Uganda Mission affairs with Hazrat Sahibzada Mirza Mubarak Ahmad, Vakil-i·A'la and Vakilut Tabshir, on the occasion of the last Jalsa Salana at Rabwah.

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HAZRAT MASIH-i-MAUOOD SAYS:

I advise the members of my Jamaat to shun pride, for, pride is most undesirable in the eyes of our Lord of Majesty. But, perhaps you will not understand what pride is. Let me make you understand, for, I speak through the Holy spirit of God. Everybody who belittles his brother simply because he (the brother) is less knowledgable and he himself is more learned or more wise or more skillful, he is proud; it is because he does not take God to be the fountainhead of wisdom and knowledge rather considers himself to be of some significance. Does God not have the power to make him mad and grant more of wisdom and knowledge and skill to him whom he thinks to be lesser than himself! Likewise he who thinks of his wealth and glory and because of that belittles his brother, he also is a proud man, for, he has forgotten that it is God who gave this wealth and glory to him. He is blind and does not realise that God has the power to bring about a calamity for him which would turn him into the lowest of all, in a jiffy, and God may make the other one whom he considers to be low, wealthy and glorious. He who is proud of his physical health or of his beauty and power and mocks at his brother and looks down upon him and nicknames him and talks to the people about his physical defects, he also is a proud man and he is unaware of the God who can make his physique defective more than that of the other person, and in no more than a moment...for, He does whatever He chooses to do.

(*Nozoolul Masih*, pp 24, 25).

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Majlis-i-Mushawarat 1980

The sixtyfirst Majlis-i-Mushawarat of the Ahmadiyya Jamaat started on the 28th of March, 1980 at Rabwah the International Headquarters of the Jamaat. Despite the fact that Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III was indisposed, he graced the first session with his presence for a while and having spoken for a short time and having offered collective prayers, told Sheikh Mohammad Ahmad, Advocate, to chair the rest of the session.

While inaugurating the Majlis-i-Mushawarat, Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III, told the delegates that this was the appropriate time to make all the sacrifices that anyone could possibly make, for, the greatest need of the time was to bring the supremacy of *Islam* nearer.

Huzur said, "The nearer the second century of the Ahmadiyya Jamaat—or the century of the supremacy of *Islam*—is approaching, the greater are the dimensions that our responsibilities are assuming. The task is becoming increasingly difficult but at the same time I feel—in fact I realise it fully—that the grace of God is also descending on us much more than ever before. Let every Ahmadi have this feeling that the supremacy of Islam is at nand and it should not be deferred due to any shortcoming of ours. That is why I ask all of you to make the greatest sacrifice that you can. It is a great thing that is in the making. The religion of the Holy Prophet Mohammad, sallallaho alaihi wa sallam, is gaining supremacy. It will be a great misfortune if we were to be left behind because of small amounts that we wouldn't like to sacrifice. If that happens, God will say that these people do not care for My religion; they are more after their wealth."

Huzur urged the members of the Jamaat to think over this situation, for it is through thinking that one comes across some very good ideas about virtuous deeds. Huzur referred to the Jamaat of Gujranwala and said that they have given a very good example. Had they been engaged in petty things, they would not have been able to think of what they have really thought of and what is really very good for the betterment of the Jamaat, he said. He advised the Jamaat to give the world a good example, more of Missionaries and literature in their tongues.

As usual this session was devoted to the formation of the Sub-Committees to discuss various items on the Agenda. Four Committees were formed and their membership named as suggested by the delegates. The Sub-Committees were as follows: 1) Sub Committee for the Budget of the Sadr Anjuman Ahmadiyya, 2) Sub Committee for the Budget of the Tahrik-i-Jadid and Waqf-i-Jadid, 3) Sub Committe for the Bahishti Maqbara and 4) Sub Committee for Islaho Irshad and Ta'lim.

The Second Day

The second day of the Majlis Mushawarat was devoted to discussions on the reports of the Sub Committees. The Budgets of the Sadr Anjuman Ahmadiyya and the Tahrik-i-Jadid were approved by Huzur on the recommendation of the entire delegates of the Majlis.

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The report of the Sub-committee for the Bahishti Maqbara also came under discussion. It had a number of items which were thoroughly discussed but no conclusion could be arrived at : it was considered that more of thinking should go into these items before any final decision could be taken. Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih therefore decided that the decision should be deferred till next year.

(We have mentioned before, that Hazrat Sahib was indisposed. He was still indisposed—though a little better—but he attended the sessions of the second day and the third day also. Of course, he continued retiring for a while. Arrangement had been made for him to rest in a nearby Guest House where he could hear the deliberations of the Majlis and he could also talk to the delegates in the Hall).

On the the third day of the Mushawarat, the Budget for the Waqf-i-Jadid was discussed and approved. The suggestions of the Sub-Committee for Islaho Irshad and Ta'lim were discussed and approval was granted by Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III.

Closing Speech

In his closing speech Hazrat Sahib remarked that the supremacy of *Islam* was not a day-dream ; it was a reality. He said, "Some people think that it is an impossibility and therefore it would never take place. How can it happen, they ask. Let me tell them that it will happen just as the Conquest of Mecca took place against all expectations and it took no time at all. It came about all of a sudden.

"Let the people know that the spiritual revolution that was started by the Holy Prophet Mohammad, sallallaho alaihi wa sallam, has now reached its peak. Just as nobody knew even two days before the conquest of Mecca that anything of that sort was going to happen but it did happen, so also the supremacy of *Islam* is going to be accomplished now.

"We should continue to pray to God that (i) this supremacy of *Islam* should take place in our own life time and (ii) that the world may accept *Islam* before it is pushed into the pit of destruction. It is only by accepting *Islam* that the world can be saved the ruination to which it is heading. It should not be that a large portion of the world is destroyed and then the remaining few join Islam ; we pray that the whole world may benefit from this noble religion.

No Day-Dream

"Let nobody think that it is a day-dream ; it is going to be a sound fact of history. We can visualise that Gog and Magog will confront each other and it will bring about revolution. Generally the revolution lasts only for a short period of time but the revolution that will now take place in favour of Islam will be lasting. For the past fourteen centuries the Islamic revolution has been taking different shapes ; one of these shapes was the arrival of Mohammad bin Qasim and another that of Tariq bin Ziyad, when he burnt the boats not to return before the victory had been achieved. Let us realise that every revolution that is taking place in the world in this Age goes in favour of Islam, rather it is pointing, like an arrow, to the final victory of Islam.

"In the initial stage, Islam had

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to take up the sword to safeguard the Faith of Islam. Today the battle that we have to fight does not need the sword or the gun; it requires intellectual arguments and the heavenly signs. The Ahmadiyya Jamaat claims to be a divine Community and it asserts that it has to bring about, with the grace of God, changes that will make Islam supreme. The Jamaat wishes to spread all over the world and to disseminate the light of Islam everywhere. All this needs dedication and of course dedication does not mean studying at the Jamia Ahmadiyya; it really and truly means to study the Holy Quran. You should therefore pay attention towards it (Huzur said this three times, to stress the point). It simply is not possible that you should claim to teach the Holy Quran while you yourself do not know it.

God's Powers

"The powers of God never dwindle. They are always the same. The weakness is displayed by human beings. Look at what happened in 1953 and then in 1974. Our God is still the same God and He is as powerful as He has always been. In 1974, an enemy had planned to wipe the Community out; he was determined to see begging bowls in our hands. But you know the consequences.

"God does not like to see His servants standing at one and the same place; He wants them to move forward."

Huzur then talked of the Fazl-i-Omar Foundation, Leap Forward Scheme and Ahmadiyya Centenary Jubilee and told the Jamaat how the Funds had been forthcoming. Huzur also made mention of the need for expansion of lodging and boarding premises and in this respect he drew the attention of the Jamaats who have still to fulfil their promises in this respect.

The Raised Hands

I raise my hands to beg and pray.
But I could see
That some people look at me and say
With winking eyes and tongues in cheeks
That there's the man who poses that
he speaks
To Him Whom none can see,
As if he, the piousest man
Can traverse the distance and the span
Of the eyes and the ears and the heart
And his words can depart
And reach the height of the skies
Which is the eternal abode of Cries
and Sighs
My Lord and God, You let me know.
Is it a sort of show
That I raise my hands,
And my vision seems to me as if it
expands
From the lowly earth to the heaven's
height
And it brings to my sight
The vast world of Your Mercy and
Grace,
And with closed eyes, I am face to face
With You, my Donor of all the gifts
I need.
And from the core of my heart some
words proceed
Which I call a request and a prayer
For my body's well being and care
Should I look at the mocking men.
And then
Put my hands down,
So that the worldly wise do not frown
At my mood, which they don't know.
And out of ignorance they call it a show
But—no—my Lord, my hands
—My heart fully understands—
Must always be raised to You
Do, make me steadfast, do.

Naseem Saifi

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From——HAZRAT'S TALKS

"Wassi' Makaanaka"

On the 14th of February Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III left Karachi for Mahmud Abad. On the way, he stopped at Jam Shoro where a large number of students were also present. Huzur advised the students to work hard and secure good marks. "Do not lag behind others" he said. Huzur also advised them to study science and technology.

In his Friday Sermon Huzur referred to the revelation of the Promised Messiah 'Wassi' Makaanaka' and remarked that the members of the Jamaat could see the manifestation of the revelation everywhere. 'The membership is increasing and all the places available for it are proving to be much smaller than they actually need' Hazrat said,

Huzur referred to the announcement that he had made while inaugurating the Ahmadiyya Jubilee Fund. In that announcement he had told the Jamaat that the second century of the Ahmadiyya Jamaat would be the century for the supremacy of Islam all over the world and therefore the Jamaat should make all the necessary preparations for welcoming this century. "I am glad to say that the Jamaat has made great sacrifices during the past few years They have dedicated the lives of bright students who are now studying are the Jamia Ahmadiyya. A Mission House and a Mosque have been completed at the Gottenburgh and there now it has become possible to pesent Islam in a better way. We have been able to get a building to be used as Mosque and a Mission House in Oslo. We have obtained a piece of land near Cordova, Spain (and Spain as every body knows is the stronghold of Christianity). It affords us pleasure that the Spanish Government has granted permission to build the mosque and the Mission House Means have become available to print the Holy

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Quran in America in very large quantity."

Supremacy of our religion

Huzur recounted all these things and then remarked that the thing to which he was trying to draw the attention of the members of the Jamaat particularly is that God has promised us the supremacy of Islam and this would happen at the hands of the Jamaat established by the Promised Meseiah, alaihissalam. God will enable the Jamaat to work in a way that Islam will spread all over the world. The prophecies mentioned in Holy Quran and the Traditions of the Holy Prophet clearly point to the fact that the supremacy of Islam would become a reality in the latter days and it will be through the great spiritual son of the Holy Prophet.

Huzur said: "That is why despite all the hurdles and our weaknesses, we are full of certainty that this supremacy of Islam will take place
."

"The second thing that the Holy Quran tells us is that if the people who believe in the Truth and who are urged to do the needful—sometimes with love and gentle words and some times with scolding—ignore their responsibilities, God would bring some other people under this banner. There is no doubt about it that this work has to be done by the Ahmadiyya Jamaat, but in that case the membership will change. What we like is that the achievement of the supremacy of Islam should take place —that we should be the people who happen to bring about the great revolution in the human lives. Let us therefore remember that all of us—old and young, men and women—have to become a model of the Islamic lives, for, unless we revolutionise our own lives we cannot bring about a revolution in the world. We should become very obedient to God and follow the pattern of the life of the Holy Prophet, sallallaho alaihi wa sallam."

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Be of Good morals

Huzur exhorted the members of the Jamaat never to quarral, never to tell lies, never to be dishonest, never to cause pain to anyone, with their hands or with their tongues. Huzur further said, "The task that has been assigned to us is very great-it is indeed an immense responsibility. If you proclaim that you will sacrifice all that you have to achieve the aims and objects for which the Promised Messiah was sent to the world, but your actions are contrary to this proclamation, God will never be pleased with you and you will not receive the blessings that He has promised to the sincere followers of the Promised Messiah. You will also not be able to achieve the object of your life. That is why I call the attention of the Jamaat again and again to the fact that they should try all they can to prove themselves to be sincere followers of the Promised Messiah; they should become brothers one to another. God wishes to grant you heights."

Huzur again repeated: I tell you to bring about a revolution in your lives. Get ready for the time when the Jamaat will enter the second century of its life and the
be praying for you.

"Let the world see the beauty and generosity of Islam in your lives-

let the people see these things to such an extent that they should be compelled by their conscience to accept Islam—The only One God will be believed in and only One Messenger will be the person under whose banner the whole world will gather and enjoy peace".

Huzur led the Friday and Asr prayers together.

A little before the sunset, Huzur gave audience to the members from various Jamaats. While talking to them he said, "Friends should pay attention to the studies of their chlidren. The children should also know that they have to study and they have to excel others Real progress does not mean that the students should stand in need of grace marks to pass the examination. This grace is rather disgrace for the students. They should study twelve to fourteen hours every day, after the school hours. Then and then alone they can make real progress.

"You should always respect your teachers and never take part in strikes."

Eclipse and the Eyesight

The eclipse of the sun was to take place on the 16th of February. On the 15th, Huzur, during his talks with he members of the Jamaat, advised them to follow the instructions issued by the Government. He further said, "The children as well as elderly people should not look at the sun when it is eclipsed ; it affects the eyes very badly." On the 16th Huzur led the Zuhr and Asr prayer a little before the time so that the people could keep themselves indoor.

Manures and fertilizers

On the 17th, Huzur talked about farming with special reference to the manures and fertilizers. He said, "The land produces for us the kind of things which not only sustain our lives, they also affect our morals and spiritual progress. There are some who do not realise this significance of the produce that they get from the land thus instead of soaring high, go downward. They should know that man has not been created to go down and to become dust ; he has been created to become the true servant of God. Man has been given so nice teaching through the Holy Prophet Mohammad, sallallaho alaihi wa sallam, that it can make a wild person (an unmannered person) into a very civilized one, and then carry him further to become a godly person. We believe in God who has created everything for us. We should therefore not hesitate to spend in His cause. Those who do spend in His way, they become the recipient of great blessings and their march forward gains momentum."

Commandments of God

Huzur advised the members of the Jamaat to obey all the commandments of God and never to ignore any one of them The Holy Quran tells us that the Holy Prophet said, *Innee akhaafo in asaito rabbee azaaba yaumin azeem* If the Holy Prophet also feared that if he disobeyed God he would not be spared, who else can say that he would be spared for the disobedience of God's commandments. It must be remembered that even if somebody can go scotfree in this world—or through the people—it simply is not possible to evade the grip of God. Let all the people live amicably and have very good rela-

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tions with their fellow beings, for, that is the teaching of the Holy Quran. Let our dealings be very fair and let us try to remove the pains of others and let us give them all the love that we can ; let none of us have enmity towards anyone ; let our society be on the pattern of the society of early Islamic days."

Equality of Sexes

After the Maghrib and Isha prayers Huzur talked about the equality of the sexes and in this respect he dilated on the philosophy of polygamy. He said, 'Success cannot be achieved unless men and women work together. Islam has told us that so far as the development of our talents is concerned as well as the spiritual achievements, there is no difference or distinction that can be maintained between men and women."

Talking about the responsibilities of the members of the Jamaat, Huzur said, "All of you have Joined the Jamaat of your own free will and it is true to say that you have accepted the responsibility of serving mankind of your free will ; you have also taken upon yourselves, of your free will, to give good example to the world—an example that should bring the people nearer to *Islam* and make them realise how beautiful a religion it is. The world is hastening towards the pit of destruction ; it must be saved. Just as it is the responsibility of men to work for the safety of mankind so also is the responsibility of women to try hard for the achievement of this objective. This is a work that has to be continued for a very long time. It is a Jihad that has to be carried on till *Islam* becomes supreme. The women section has also to perform their duties with great zeal and vigour. First and foremost they have to bring up their children in the best possible way. I love the children very much and the reason for this is that I do realise that it is these very children who have to carry the responsibilities for the onward march and supremacy of *Islam*, at their own time."

The Women Section

Huzur repeatedly stressed the point that the women section of the Jamaat should also fully realise the importance of the task that the Jamaat has been alloted and the part that they have to play He mentioned the delegates that came to attend the Jalsa Salana and said that they eagerly looked for better examples of practical teachings of *Islam*. More so because Rabwah (Pakistan) is the Headquarters of the Jamaat ; Rabwah—and in fact, the whole of Pakistan—must present a beautiful specimen of the teaching of *Islam*.

On the 18th of February Huzur left Mahmud Abad for Nasir Abad.

At Kunri he advised the members of the Jamaat that they should never ignore the innoculation for typhoid —this should be repeated every year. Taking a hint from the physical diseases, Huzur told the Jamaat that just as God has provided us with physical cures so also has He provided us with spiritual cure. That cure is contained in the Holy Quran.

(*To be Continued*)

Our Belief

"In point of belief, all that God desires from you is just this that you hold God is One, and that Mohammad, may peace and blessings of Allah be upon him, is His Prophet, Khatamul Ambiya and the greatest of them All."

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Message of Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III

To The Ahmadis of Fiji Islands

I am glad to hear that the Jamaats in Fiji Islands are holding their annual Jalsa on 25th and 26th December, 1979. May Allah bless this Jalsa and its participants. May it prove to be a step towards the realization of our goal——the propagation of Islam in the world.

On the occasion of this Jalsa, I wish to draw your attention to the fact that in 1889 the Promised Messiah, under Divine guidance, established this Jamaat for the sole purpose of spreading Islam in the world and gathering together under the banner of Islam, the peoples of all nations, of all countries and of all faiths. Ninety years have passed since then and the world of religion has undergone a lot of change in these ninety years. The message of Islam has now reached the four corners of the world and people of all countries and all nations are realizing the truth and are joining the Jamaat in large numbers.

I have told you on many occasions that the next century of our life as a Jamaat——beginning in 1989——is the century of victory and triumph of Islam over all other faiths. Only ten years are now left. In these ten years we must prepare ourselves and our children to be able to welcome this century of the triumph of Islam in a befitting manner. And this lays a great responsibility on our shoulders. We must be able not only to understand the Islamic teaching but also to practise it in our own lives. So that when in the next century people join the Jamaat in hosts, as foretold by the Promised Messiah, we and our children may be able to act as their guides and teachers in the Islamic faith and tradition.

It is for this reson that I placed before you the Ahmadiyya Centenary Jubilee Plan in my lecture on the last day of 1973 Annual Jalsa of Ahmadiyya Movement held at Rabwah. And in my Friday Sermon on February 8, 1974, referring to the proposed plan, I told you that the real thing is that this plan may find approval in the sight of Allah, the Almighty. For this purpose I called upon the members of the Jamaat to pray earnestly to bless this plan. I also put forth a special programme of prayers and worship to be followed by Ahmadis for their spiritual betterment.

1. In the last week of every month a day should be fixed by the members of the local Jamaat in which all the members should keep fast.

2. Every member should daily offer two Rakaats of *Nafl* (non-obligatory) prayers. These *Nawafil* should be offered after the Zohr prayer or during the night, after the Isha prayer till the Fajr prayer.

3. Every Ahmadi should recite Sura Fatiha seven times a day.

4. Every Ahmadi should glorify Allah and invoke His blessings on the Holy Prophet of Islam by reciting the following prayer thirty-three times a day:

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سبحان الله و بحمده سبحان الله العظيم

اللهم صل على محمد و آل محمد

Glory be to Allah and His is the praise! Glory be to Allah the great. O Allah bless Mohammad and his progeny.

5. Every Ahmadi should ask forgiveness for his sins and shortcomings from Allah the Almighty by repeating the following prayer thirty-three times a day:

استغفر الله ربی من کل ذنب و اتوب الیه

I ask forgiveness from Allah my Lord for all sins and I incline to Him.

6. Every member of the Jamaat should repeat the following prayers at least eleven times daily:

ربنا افرغ علینا صبرا و ثبت اقدامنا

و انصرنا علی القوم الکافرین -

Our Lord! put forth on us steadfastness and make our steps firm and help us against the disbelieving enemy.

اللهم انا نجعلك فی نحورهم و نعوذبك

من شرورهم -

O Allah, we make Thee a shield against their design and seek refuge with thee from their mischief.

I also called upon you that in addition to these prayers and *Nawafil*, you should also frequently pray to the Almighty in your own language to grant His approval to the proposed plan and to bless our efforts in the path of Allah and His Messenger, the Holy Prophet of Islam, peace and blessings of Allah be upon him.

I hope that you must be acting upon this programme of prayers and worship. I pray to Allah to grant you the strength and the energy required to carry out the plan according to the wishes of our Lord. I pray to Allah that He may grant you all that is good in this world and the next. I love you dearly and pray for you daily. May Allah bless you! May Allah be with you always and help you in all your endeavours. Ameen!

Yours Sincerely,
Mirza Nasir Ahmad
Khalifatul Masih III

Rabwah
16.12.1979

ALHAJ M. K. BONGAY
interpreting the Friday Sermon at the Nazir Ali Mosque in Sierra Leone.

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RABWAH DIARY

THE PROMISED MESSIAH DAY

The Ahmadiyya Misions all over the world observed the 23rd of March as the Promised Messiah Day and held meetings (Jalsas) to emphasise the significance of the Day and to elaborate the message of the Founder of the Ahmadiyya Jamaat.

At Rabwah the meeting was held at the Masjid Mubarak and it was presided over by Sahibzada Mirza Tahir Ahmad who urged the audience to analyse their lives and find out if they had brought about the change that the Promised Messiah wanted his followers to bring about. They should also check up in themselves the spirit of sacrifice that they had and look into the needs of the time, he said,

Mirza Tahir Ahmad drew the attention of the members of the Jamaat to the fact that a revolution had to be effected in favour of Islam; this was the determination of the forty Darwesh-type people who initiated themselves at the hands of the Promised Messiah on the 23rd of March 1889. The spirit of their determination has to be continued with greater zeal and vigour.

He further said, "In this Age, the greatest day was the 23rd of March 1889, for, that was the day when a pledge was made that Islam would be made supreme in the whole world. It was a challenge that was thrown to the world and with the grace of God, very pleasant results are now in sight."

Maulana Qazi Mohammad Nazir, Maulana Ghulam Bari Saif and Maulana M. I. Munir addressed the gathering on different topics related to the celebration of the Day. Some-poets recited their poetical compositions.

A silent prayer brought the meeting to a close.

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TAHRIK-I-JADID (The New Scheme)

On the 19th of April, 1935, Hazrat Khalifatul Masih II said, "Every month one of the Khutbas in every Jamaat should deal with my Tahrik-i-Jadid and the members should be urged to make sacrifices and become more righteous and God fearing."

On the 26th of May 1935 Hazrat Khalifatul Masih II said, "God has inspired me to tell the Jamaat that we should continue talking about the Tahrik-i-Jadid and placing all its aspects before the Jamaat every six months, till God's Will grants us the success that is destined for us."

The Al-Fazl, Vol. 30 No 280 records Hazrat Khalifatul Masih II as saying: "In order to reach all the peoples of the world, we need men, we need money, we need determination and steadfastness, we need prayers that may move the heaven of God the Almighty; it is the collection of these things that is called 'Tahrik-i-Jadid.'

On the 30th of April 1943, Hazrat Khalifatul Masih II said, "In reality, Tahrik-i-Jadid means the revival of Islam. It is 'jadid' (new) in the sense that the world was unaware of it otherwise it is an old scheme.....and it is our misfortune that we had to call an old thing as something new, for, the people had become out of touch. It is not new, it is old. We have to bring the people nearer to the pattern of the life of the Holy Prophet Mohammad, sallallaho alaihi wa sallam, and his Companions; we have to do it through the Tahrik-i-Jadid. Of course, there is no doubt about it that the circumstances have so chaged that we cannot adopt exactly the same pattern that the Holy Prophet and his Companions had, but we have to go as near to that as possible, keeping the changed circumstances in mind. We must struggle for it and we are indeed struggling for it; this is Tahrik-i-Jadid."

On the 18th of November, 1938, Hazrat Khalifatul Masih said, "Preaching and training are two most important things to be done; it is these very two things that have been kept in mind in the scheme of Tahrik-i-Jadid. The things that have been outlined in this respect are; simple food, simple clothing, working with our own hands. never to go to the Films (Cinema), helping the poor, Hostel for the Tahrik i-Jadid and (proper distribution of) inheritance. All these things are such that they can never be abandoned."

While speaking to the Delegates of the Majlis-i-Shoora in 1939, Hazrat Khalifatul Masih II said, "The demands that I have placed before the Jamaat can be summed up to mean four things; i) To make the members of the Jamaat more practical especially to awaken the youth of the Jamaat and to give them more of vigour and zeal. 2) to base our activities on sacrifices instead of finance (3) To create a Fund for Tahrik-i-Jadid that would ease the situation for preaching and remove our financial worries in this respect. (4) to urge the members of the Jamaat to undertake preaching activities more than ever before."

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NOTES & COMMENTS

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The Holy Quran

Commenting on the Sura Al-Maaoon, Muslih Mauood, may God be pleased with him, says in his Commentary Tafsir-i-Kabir' (pp 290-291):

"Deen" also means "Mazhab" i.e. religion. Religion also teaches man to have good morals. Every religion whichever it might be stops the people from doing a lot of evil deeds; it is not specifically atrue religion that does that. Every religion forbids man to do evil. Although the people say that it is religion that brings about quarrels and disorders, yet if we look into this matter carefully and deeply we will come to realise that it is not religion that does so, rather it is non compliance of the instructions of the religion that produces this state of circumstances. Look at the Sikh religion. It is based on the teachings of Hazrat Baba Nanak and the teaching that he imparted to the people says that they should live amicably and they should be kind and courteous to one another and there should be no quarrels and disorders. Same is the case with the Hindu religion. When some-body follows a religion, even though he might be going against its teachings at least sometimes he thinks of its true teachings and begins to realise that what he is doing is not correct and right and that he should not do so. Look at the Christians; how cruelly are they treating the people. For no less than five hundred years they have gripped the world tightly like slaves; there is no parallel of what they have done. But what the Gospel says is that if you are salpped on one cheek, you should turn the other cheek also to be slapped and if someone takes you with him for company for one mile you should go with him another mile also. However cruelly the Christians might treat the people, whoever among them would study the Bible would begin to realise that he should not have been cruel to the others.

Take the case of the Hindu religion. Its scriptures contain very beautiful teaching for higher morals. I have studied the Vedas myself and whenever I go through them I begin to realise that they are really from God. Of course there are some meaningless things also mentioned in them, for example it is said that when a Rishi (religious leader) took off his loin cloth, a child was born in it and it said that he did not like to come into this world through the dirty way (the usual way of the child being born).

At the same time we find that God's attributes are so marvellously mentioned in the Vedas that while reading them, one feels that he is being lifted up from the earth. Despite the fact that other things also got mixed up, it cannot be doubted that their origin lies in God and whoever would study the Vedas with an unbiased mind, would come to the conclusion that they are from God and his heart would be filled with spiritual excellence.

Same is he case with the New Testament, the Torah, the Zend Avesta. This also should be noted that whether a religion is true or not, it cannot gain adherents unless it teaches good morals. Is there any religion in the world which teaches the people to be fraudulant and evil doers?

Tafsir-i-Kabir Vol. VI/IV part III (pp 290-291)

Turning beasts into human beings

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It is reported that once Hazrat Masih-i-Mauood went to Lahore. There, some of the very sincere young men had consultations among themselves and decided that just as when the great men and leaders of other people come to Lahore, their vehicles are driven by them instead of being driven by the horses, they (the Ahmadi youngmen) should also do the same, for, their own leader (The Promised Messiah) is much greater a man than the other leaders—even the great kings carry no importance against him. This in view, they asked the driver of the vehicle (the tonga, Horse-driven coach) to take the horse away, for they would like to pull the tonga themselves. The coachman did as he was told. When Hazrat Masih-i-Mauood came out (from his house) and saw the coach, he asked about the horses. The youngmen told him that they wanted to pull the coach as is done when the leaders of other people came to Lahore. On hearing this, Huzur said :

> "Bring the horses at once and yoke them to the Tongas. I have not come to the world to turn human beings into beasts. I have come to turn the beasts into human beings."

What a great lesson is there in these few words uttered by Hazrat Masih-i-Mauood.

He keeps Watch

"If you really become God's then rest assured that God is your very own. Whilst you will sleep, He will keep watch over you while you neglect your vigil against the enemy He will keep an eye on him and disrupt his plans."

Missionary Training Centre, Ilaro

The 9th of March shall always be remembered as a remarkable day in the history of Ahmadiyya Jamaat, Nigeria, when the first Missionary Training Centre was declared open jointly by Justice A. R. Bakare and the Amir M.A. Shahid, in the midst of a huge congregation who converged from different missions to witness the historic occasion It is recalled that the decision for starting such a centre was taken in the last year Majlis Shoora and forwarded to Hazrat Khalifatul Masih for approval to which Huzur graciously consented.

The function started under the Chairmanship of Justice A.R. Bakare with the recitation of the Holy Quran by Maulvi M. A. Sadib and reading of Qaseeda by Mallam M.M. Habeebu, which was followed by the Chairman's inspiring address.

Highlights :

The highlights of the occasion included a Guard of Honour mounted by Khuddam ul-Ahmadiyya, Ilaro and inspected by the Chairman, Amir and the members of Management Committee, Nigeria. Maulvi A. M. Zahid, Principal of the College enlightened the audience about the importance of the centre and gave some details of the course which shall cover not only Quran and Hadith but the comparative study of the religions. Lectures were delivered by Alfa S. B. Giwa and Alhaj H. O. Sanyaolu on "The importance of missionary centre" and "Missionry Centre—a milestone in the progress of Ahmadiyyat" respectively. Alhaj A.Y.A. Alamutu moved both parents and students to avail the rare opportunity. A guest Bro. Kajola from

Otta showered tributes on Ahmndiyya Jamaat and assured his all assistance to the Jamaat. Alhaj Busari appealed for funds and the members donated generously.

Justice Bakare's Address :

The full text of the Chairman Justice A. R. Bakare's sppeech :

Brothers and Sisters in-Islam
Assalamo Alaikum W.W.

Sixty years ago, the Ahmadiyya Muslim Mission, set foot on the shores of this great Republic of Nigeria. With the advent of the Mission a bright light shone in the horizon of Islam in the country and darkness vanished. Jihad in its true sense of propagating Islam not by the sword, but by words of persuasion and the pen began in earnest.

The Ahmadiyya Mission embarked on the education of the youths and schools were founded on the guidelines laid down by the then Colonial rulers to teach secular and religious subjects. In time, the Mission engaged itself in the medical and social welfare of the people of the country. Right from the beginning, these facilities provided by the Ahmadiyya Mission were made available to all the citizens of the country irrespective of creed or ethnic affinity. Today we are proud of our Primary and Secondary Schools, our Clinics and Hospitals all over Nigeria. We did not stop there. In the efforts to bring true Islam to the people, we engaged in the publication of numerous religious books. We set up, by the Grace of Allah, the first Muslim Newspaper in this part of the world.

By far, the greatest achievement of the Ahmadiyya Mission has been the encouragement of the building of Mosques in every nook and corner of the country where there is an Ahmadi Community regardless of the number of its adherents.

Today I am delighted to be among you to witness another historic achievement of Ahmadiyya Muslim Mission. We are gath red here to mark the official opening of our Missionary Training Centre. You may rightly ask what is the significance of opening a Missionary Training Centre here when the facility is available to send students to the Headquarters at Rabwah for the purpose ? Before I venture an answer I must digress a bit to pay tribute to a worthy leader. Our present Amir in the person of Maulvi M. A. Shahid has been a tireless and dedicated worker in encouraging the spring up of mosques by communal efforts in every hamlet where there is an Ahmadi Community. Only last week he was present at the laying of the foundation of one of the Ahmadiyya Central Mosques in Oyo State. His efforts in this regard have been singularly successful that we are all proud of him and I am sure you all will join me in praying that Allah may reward him abundantly. We shall miss him greatly when he leaves us.

Besides the training facility for missionaries available in Pakistan there has also been a Missionary Training Centre in Ghana which started about 10 years ago and which has been offering training to students from Nigeria.

Now with the large number of Mosques which have been built in this country especially in the last 8 years the need is greatly felt for the establishment of a Missionary Training Centre to cater for the production of more Muslim workers and Missioners for the Mission. The cloak, it is said, does not make the

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Monk Mosques by themselves as places of worship and assembly are good. It is however necessary that Missionaries should be available who will serve in them to minister to the spiritual and other needs of the Jamaat. It will not only be time saving but it will also reduce the foreign exchange consumption to train our missionaries locally.

For too long we have depended on missionaries sent from our Headquarters for training purposes. The establishment of this local Missionary Training Centre will complement the one in Ghana and put us in position, in a short time, not only to have our own crop of Missionaries but will enable us to participate fully in the task of propagating the true Islam to all the countries of Africa and beyond. This then is the real significance of the ceremony which we are privileged to witness today.

I congratulate the Amir for his foresight and the entire members of the Jamaat on this glorious achievement. I appeal to the lucky students who are the foundation members of this centre to the task before them with dedication and distinguish themselves in their studies. May Allah make the opening of this missionary centre a source of blessing to the Ahmadiyya Muslim Mission and to the entire Muslim world. Details of the training programme of the institution will be highlighted by the Amir when he makes his address.

I welcome all of you who are privileged to be present at this historic occasion.

CHIEF KUMRA BAI OMORU SESSAY
of Sierra Leone (in the centre) has donated a big piece of land for the School and the Hospital

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کمرا بائی عمرو سیسے
درمیان میں ہیں۔ سکول اور
ہسپتال کے لئے انہوں نے زمین
کا ایک بڑا ٹکڑا جماعت
کو عطیہ دیا ہے۔

Thanks for Appreciation

— I —

The people of Sierra Leone are very kind and courteous. They are extremely appreciative of any little good that anyone, whoever he might be, can do to them. I have stayed there for three years as a worker of the Mission and I do not think in the least that I could do all that I should have done. But the little—and it must have been very little—that I was able to do with the sheer grace of God, was most courteously appreciated by my friends over there. May God bless them all and reward them abundantly. I cannot pay for their kindnesses but I pray that God may do so on my behalf.

Alhaji the Hon. M.S. Mustafa, Minister of State, recently wrote to me, in reply to a letter from me in which I had informed him that I had reached Pakistan safely. The text of his letter is reproduced below :

"My dear brother in Islam, Assalamo Alaikum Wa Rahmatullahi Wa barakatohu. I hasten to acknowledge with thanks your letter dated 28th Feb. 1980.

I am highly appreciative of the kind sentiments expressed in the letter. You have indeed made material contribution to our religious, educational and cultural life in Sierra-Leone. This, we shall never forget and we will always pray to Allah to grant you health and strength to continue your good work for the benefit of Islam.

May Allah guide and bless you. Amen.

Yours fraternally,
Alhaj The Hon. M.S. Mustafa,
Minister of State

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Alhaj M. Kamanda Bongay, Secretary General of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Mission, Sierra Leone, while presenting a report of the activities of the Mission during 1979- 980 at the Annual Conference held at Bo, on 29th Feb., 1st and 2nd March, 1980, paid glowing tributes to the Ex-Amir. He said "before I bring this brief report to an end, I am to congratulate on your behalf Maulana Nasim Saifi for his indefatigable work done when he was among us. Encumbered with multifarious duties at the headquarters, yet he was a much travelled man and connection. A writer, a Poet, orator, broadcaster, educationist etc., was an asset not only for the Jamaat but to Sierra Leone. He left in mid October. We shall have him fresh in memory at all times."

Let's tell them

Allthough people do come and ask us about the activities of the Jamaat all over the world, yet it is our own basic duty to tell everybody what the Ahmadiyya Jamaat is doing to project the noblest of the religions given by God to the whole of humanity through the greatest of the prophets Mohammad, sallallaho alaihi wa sallam. Let us pray that more of people may join this struggle and the objective may be achievd in ths shortest possible time.

The message of the Founder of the Ahmadiyya Jamaat has to reach the ends of the earth. Let us pray to God that it may take place through us; let us ask for His help to overcome all difficulties and let us ask Him to produce the best results of our humble efforts.

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Educational Institutions

In his Friday Sermon delivered on 13th of June, 1969, Huzur said,

"A month ago I received a letter from an Ahmadi student who has gone to England for higher studies. He says that he took the test in three papers. In two papers, he got 80% and was declared successful, but in one paper he received 70% marks and did not come up to the standard. He requested me to pray for his success in the next term.

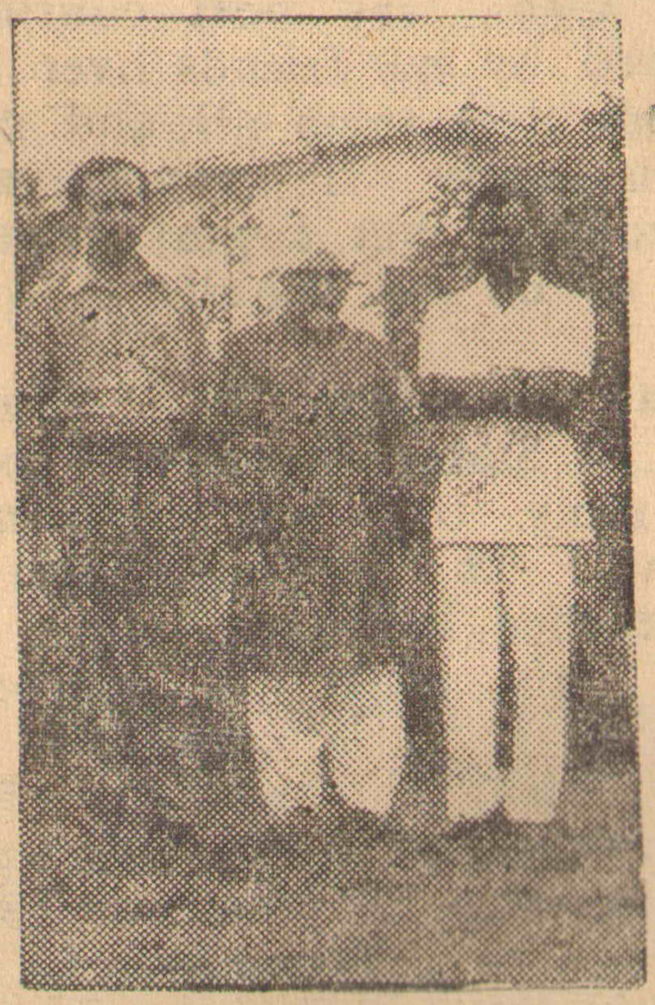
"It will be seen that the advanced nations of today have prescribed higher criteria for the tests of their students. All this shows that we should totally reject every attempt and tendency which might contribute to the lowering of our standards fixed for the perfect development of our faculties and capabilities".

Reports received from Sierra Leone indicate that the Ahmadiyya Muslim Secondary Agricultural School Kabala has been listed as fully grant aided school. Mr. Mobashir Ahmad Pall is the Principal and in addition to his academic successes in the school he is also very popular in the social circles of Kabala.

With the initial help from the Ahmadiyya Mission, the school has been making rapid progress in all the fields—sports included. In fact the sports activities of the said school have been considered to be marvellous in bringing different factions of the people together.

The Principal, Mr. M.A. Pall, is expected to visit Pakistan very soon, on a brief holiday which he so richly deserves after having worked for years and years without any break.

Mr. Pall has asked the readers



Mr. M. A. Pall is first on the left. Extreme right is Mr. A. B. Kamara, Principal of the Ahmadiyya Secondary School, Freetown.

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of the Tahrik-i-Jadid to pray for the school that it may prove to be a true centre of Islamic teachings in all its aspects.

The Jamia Ahmadiyya, Rabwah (the Missionary Training College) held Declamation Contest for speeches in Urdu, English and Arabic languages. The contest was held on the

25th to 27th of March. The Prizes for this Declamation Contest and for the exam results and overall excellence of the students were awarded by Sahibzada Mirza Tahir Ahmad.

Sahibzada Mirza Tahir Ahmad, in his Prize Awarding remarks advised the students to widen their scope of studies and make their knowledge practically beneficial to everybody around them . He also told them to be vigilant about the happenings in all the parts of the world and to keep themselves abreast of the events taking place.

"I know it is not possible to be experts in all the branches of the science but one must try to know at least the basics of as many as one can." he said. A silent prayer brought the function to a close.

The Declamation Contest and the award of prizes was followed by a Dinner hosted by the Jamia in the premises of the Jamia Ahmadiyya Hostel.

The Ahmadiyya Missionary Training Centre Ilaro. Nigeria has started taking classes. Its programme has been chalked out on the pattern of Jamia Ahmadiyya, Rabwah and the Missionary Training Centre, Saltpond, Ghana.

It will be recalled that an effort was made to start this kind of Institution in 1955 after the International Conference of the Ahmadiyya Missionaries in London which was graciously presided over by Hazrat Khalifatul Masih II, may God be pleased with him.

Second from left is Mr. M. B. Ibrahim, Sec. for Education, Ahmadiyya Muslim Mission, Sierra Leone, Next Alhaj M K. Bongay is the General Secretary of the Mission and Manager of the Ahmadiyya Primary Schools, Western and Northern Regions. Next to him is Mr. I. K. Mohammad, Manager, of the Ahmadiyya Primary Schools, Eastern Region.

درمیان میں مکرم الحاج کمانڈا بونگے صاحب جنرل سیکرٹری احمدیہ مسلم مشن سیرالیون ہیں ان کے داھنی جانب مسٹر ایم بی ابراھیم ایجوکیشن سیکرٹری اور بائیں جانب مسٹر آئی کے ۔ محمد ۔ مینیجر احمدیہ پرائمری سکولز مشرقی صوبہ۔

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Friends Needed

Mr. Eriyasi Lule Ibn Ibrahim Kyofatgabye of P.O. Box 2620, KYOTERA MASAKA, UGANDA says that he likes to be listening to recitation of the Holy Quran from Radio Khartoum and Radio Cairo.

He wishes to have friends in Pakistan.

CHANGE OF TELEPHONE NUMBER

Please note that the new telephone number of the Ahmadiyya Mosque, Frankfurt, West Germany is : **68 14 85**

Eid Maulood-un-Nabi in Bo

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The Ahmadiyya Jamaat in Bo held a special meeting at the Ahmadiyya Secondary School Hall to celebrate birthday of Holy Prophet Mohammad (peace and blessings of Allah be upon Him). It was an auspicious gathering since the public holiday given for the Eid had passed without a public activity by anv other Muslim organization in Bo. The Ahmadiyya Jamaat stole the important occasion with a very successful meeting at the great hall of the school.

The programme which was full of scholarly speeches started at about 9 30 a.m. when School children, teachers, Ahmadis as well as non-Ahmadis had gathered in remembrance of the Holy Leader. Prophet Mohammad (PBH) The meeting opened with a recitation of the Holy Quran by Mr. N. A. Mahmood who recently joined the staff of the school.

The Chairman, Maulvi K. A. Mobashir missionary in-charge of Bo, in his opening remark, thanked the audience for having found time to participate in such an important meeting. He laid stress on the blessing to be derived therefrom. The first speaker Mr. B A. Akhtar, recounted the Meccan Life of the Holy Prophet (PBH) — His birth, childhood, His call to Prophethood, persecution of Muslims and the prophet's migration from Mecca to Medina.

Mr. Foday Kallon took up from Mr. Akhtar and explained in detail the persecution of Muslims and the circum stances which led to the Prophet's migration from Mecca to Medina. Mr. Kallon particularly emphasized the struggles which the early muslims had to encounter before success eventually dawned on Islam. He ended with a note of warning that there was no easy way to success.

Mr. Habib Ahmad then spoke on the greatness of Prophet Mohammad and His faith in God. He cited several glowing examples to substantiate the claim that Prophet Mohammad (PBH) was the most God—loving and the greatest and last of all Prophets.

The next speaker Mr. S.B. Kagbo discussed at length some bright examples of the good character of the Holy Prophet (PBH) — the Exemplar for mankind. He made special mention of the following salient aspects of the Prophet's character : His purity of mind and bo y, His simple and humble life, His good attitude towards his wives, His kindness to all and sundry, His attitude to Justice, His regard for the poor and women, His treatment of slaves and His trustworthiness. Mr. Kagbo concluded by saying that it was almost impossible in the days of Prophet Muhammad as it is incredible today to find anyone with such purity of character as Prophet Muhammad possessed. Little wonder that he was and is still regarded as the greatest of humanity.

Finally the chairman, Maulvi K.A. Mobashir very strongly refuted the allegation that Islam was spread by the sword. How could it have been possible, he asked, when the number of muslims was so small as compared with the multitudes of persecutors and enemies of muslims? He therefore asked people to be careful about ideas spread by those unwilling to accept the truth.

Islamic teaching is also against the use of the sword and he added that not even a single man's belief and heart can be changed with sword. The number of converts was very high at the time of peace as compared to the time of war.

Prepared by : Mr. S B Kagbo
(Teacher, Ahmadiyya Sec. School, Bo)

30th Ahmadiyya Annual Conference

The Excellences of the Holy Quran

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By Maulvi Majeed Ahmad Sialkoti, Missionary of Sierra Leone

When the human race began to advance and the human mind began to appreciate the need of a Universal teaching, then in the desert of Arabia, Allah sent His final Message to mankind through the Holy Prophet (S.A.W.) of Islam.

The Holy Quran is a book of medium size, neither too longn or too short. There is no model for this style in Arabic literature. The effect which it produces on the human soul is obtained with its own excellences. The 'verses are equally eloquent all through the text, even they deal with topics, such as commandments and prohibitions, which must necessarily affect its tone. Stories of Prophets, descriptions of the beginning and end of the world are repeated, but repeated in a way which is so impressive that they do not weaken the effect. The text proceeds from one topic to another without losing its power. Depth and sweetness, qualities which generally do not go together, are found together here. How could this Book be the work of Mohammad (S.A.W.), an illiterate Arab who in all his life composed only two or three poetic verses.

Everybody knows the true purpose of a Divine Book that it should rescue its followers from sinful life through its teachings, and should establish a relationship of love and devotion with their God. The Holy Quran is the only Book which fulfills this need.

The wonderful changes were manifested in the Companions of the Holy Prophet through the Quran. Their morals, their conduct and their conversation, their behaviour and all their ways were changed with a wonderful freshness and brightness. This transformation was so extraordinary that it deserves to be called a miracle.

Everybody knows that the people of Arabia led a wild and animalistic existence. They had been steeped in idol worship and were entirely unaware of the rights of God and rights of man. In short, every type of darkness enveloped the hearts of the Arabs.

When they accepted the Holy Quran, they were completely changed. They were so lost in the love of Allah that they abandoned their homes and dear ones for the sake of winning the pleasure of Allah. Take the example of Umar who later became the second Khalifa of Islam. He was an enemy of the Holy Prophet Mohammad (S.A.W.) Once he took sword and set out to kill the Prophet. On the way his friend told him that his sister and her husband had joined Islam. Umar, greatly upset to hear this, went straight to their house to kill them. As he reached there he heard a melodious recitation going on inside. He asked to be shown those papers of the Holy Quran they were reading from. Fatima, Umar's sister, refused

to show him, lest he should tear them up. Umar promised not to do so. Umar offered a bath, he took the papers of the Quran in his hand. He came upon the Verses of the Holy Quran.

انني انا الله لا اله الا انا فاعبدني -

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و اقم الصلوة لذكري -

"Verily I am Allah, there is no God, beside Me. So serve me, and observe prayer for My remembrance." (20 : 15-16)

Faith swelled up in Umar's heart he said, How wonderful : How inspir- He changed his faith. He went to the Prophet of Islam and told him, I am here to become a Muslim with the blessings of the Holy Quran, Umar's mind and soul were purified.

The door of its grace and blessings is always open and it is bright and manifest in every age as it was in the time of the Holy Prophet S.A.W.

Another excellence of the Holy Quran has been set forth very forcefully in it.

قل لئن اجتمعت الانس و الجن على ان
ياتوا بمثل هذا القرآن . .

"Say that if all men, high and low, were to combine together to produce its like, it would not be possible for them to do so." (17 : 89).

و ان كنتم في ريب مما نزلنا على عبدنا
فاتوا بسورة من مثله و ادعوا شهداءكم
من دون الله ان كنتم صدقين

Again it says "if you are in doubt as to what We have sent down to Our Servant, then produce a chapter like it." (2 : 24)

This excellence is proved by the fact that during the last 1400 years no one has come forth to take up the challenge. Although those who had the ability to express themselves were plentiful among the Arabs, yet nobody was able to produce anything which could stand comparison with the Holy Quran. They fought the Holy Prophet (S.A.W.) with arms but failed to match the excellences of the Holy Quran. This proves clearly that human faculties are unable to compete with the Holy Quran.

We have still another proof of the Divine origin of the Holy Quran in the fact that the text has remained pure and unaltered through the centuries from the day of its delivery until today, and will remain so as long as the Universe continues to exist.

انا نحن نزلنا الزكر وانا له لحافظون

God has claimed in the Quran: "Verily, We ourself have sent down this Exhortation and most surely we will be its guardian. (15-10)

According to this promise, God has safeguarded the word of the Quran. The truth of this prophecy has been demonstrated over 1400 years. So far no pagan teaching has found its way into the Holy Quran, as it had in the previous books like Bible and Gita these books having suffered interpolation and alteration at the hand of priestly editors and others.

First it was preserved by means of those who have committed the whole of the Quran to memory. In each century there have been hundreds of thousands of people who had committed this Holy Word to memory.

The safe-guarding of the Quran does not only mean that its text

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ADDRESS

Delivered by the delegation of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Mission led by Justice A. R. Bakare on the occasion of their courtesy call on

His Excellency The President Alhaji Shehu Shagari,

on Tuesday, 22nd January, 1980.

بسم الله الرحمن الرحيم

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Your Excellency,

May I begin this short address by first congratulating you, on behalf of the entire members of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Mission, on your well-deserved election to the highest office of this great country of ours. The membres of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Mission have followed, with keen interest and admiration, your distinguished Public Service Career in this country extending over three decades. Your unblemished political career which has continued to see you through greater heights all along is a proof of the nation's undoubted confidence in your exemplary leadership and strength of character.

We members of the Ahmadiyya Jamaat listened with rapt attention to your recent television broadcast listing your achievements during your first 100 days in office. We must be frank with your Excellency and tell you the secret behind your success-your qualities of of magnanimity in victory and readiness to share glory with others, be they friends or rivals. Not many people still remember that some of those people who occupy key posts within your Cabinet were your strong rivals during the race to win the nomination of your Party. This is a rare quality anywhere in the world because we know that the politics of self-preservation which is the order of the day, even in the advanced western countries, starts with the total elimination from the Political scene of both known and imaginary rivals. Your Excellency is probably being faithful, to the letter, to one of the sayings of the Holy Prophet Mohammad *sal-lal-lahu alaihi wa sal-lam*), when confronted and asked by his disciples as to who are the people most acceptable to Allah and he replied:

> *"It is those people who show and display magnanimity to their foes even in victory".*

We the members of the Ahmadiyya Jamaat are not also unaware of your other outstanding qualities of calmness, commendable accommodation, justice and fair-mindedness.

Your recent invitation to your political opponents to join your Government to build an enviable nation with you has received acclamation. Once again, Your Excellency, we of the Ahmadiyya Jamaat see your action as that of a great man being faithful to a great book, the Holy Quran, because chapter 41, verse 35 of the great book reads:

ولا تستوى الحسنة ولا السيئة ادفع بالتى
هى احسن فاذا الذى بينك وبينه عداوة
كانه ولى حميم

> *"And good and evil are not alike, repel evil with that which is best. And Lo, he between whom and thyself was enmity will become*

as though he was a warm friend".

We are convinced that your administration will succeed at the rate you are going we shall continue to pray for your success.

The Missionary work and the evangelical zeal of the Ahmadiyya Jamaat are things very well known to Your Excellency that we need not detail them out in this address. Our records of achievements in the field of Islamic crusade in this country are there for all to see Our contribution to the social development of this country in the fields of education and medical services cuts across the entire nation and is a testimony of our belief in the unity and progress of the great African country.

We have been very much inspired by Your Excellency's goodwill message sent on the occasion of the 30th Annual Conference ef our Jamaat, particularly Your Excellency's injunction to the effect that "It is the duty of your organization to work even harder in the years ahead for the promotion of better religious understanding and the general upliftment of the society's spiritual values". It is in this regard that we shall crave for the indulgence of Your Excellency to mention, in passing, some obstacles that have been put on our way in some of our missionary work for your information and intervention, in the name of justice and fair play. We shall confine ourselves to only one of these obstacles and that is the continued denial to our Jamaat of the Friday Jumat broadcast and televeision facilities which we had the honour to pioneer. This denial started as far back as 1975 and continues up-till this moment. Our repeated protests for restoration of this facility, enjoyed by other muslim organizations, have up-till now fallen on deaf ears. We have however taken it calmly all along knowing fully well as true muslims that Allah, in His infinite mercy, will certainly at some time give this nation a Leader who will believe and uphold the true virtues of justice and fairplay. We believe that Leader has now arrived who will not allow any religious community in this country to be unfairly denied their rights. We shall not belabour this issue because we trust that Your Excellency will restore to us our rights.

May I end this address Your Excellency by thanking you for sparing some time out of your crowded programme to receive us and pledge our continued loyalty and co-operation with your administration. Ahamdis are known the world-over for their loyalty to their Government and we can assure you that a Leader of your rare type deserves and will receive something more than loyalty and co-operation from our Jamaat—Prayers.

Thank you Your Excellency.

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should be preserved. By safe-guarding of the Quran is meant both safeguarding of the text and safeguarding of the benefits and effects of the Quran and that is done with Divine practice. From time to time, deputies of the Holy Prophet and Reformers appeared to fulfil this purpose.

You know man is liable to forget and apt to fall into error. We learn from the Quran انا علينا للهدى that men will continue to appear who will obtain spiritual light from the Holy Prophet. The Quran indicates the appearance of such whose advent would be regarded as the advent of the Holy Prophet himself.

He will distribute the spiritual wealth of the Holy Quran. By Allah's grace, the Founder of Ahmadiyyat has served the Quran and given the beautiful commentaries and people are satisfied with it.

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